

CITY SUFFERS HEAVY LOSS BY STORM

LOCAL BANKERS ELECT OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Financial Institutions of City Report Good Business During 1921

FEW CHANGES MADE

Personnel of Working Forces in Banks Will Be the Same This Year

Local financial institutions held their annual meetings yesterday afternoon, declared dividends for a year, elected directors and in many cases the directors elected gained and selected officers to take after the affairs of the bank for the ensuing year. The Fairmont State bank directors will meet Tuesday to organize and elect officers and the Peoples National bank will also meet next Tuesday to organize and select officers.

Every one of the local banks reported that they had a good year's business and are looking forward to another successful year's business this year. The usual dividends were paid by the various institutions, the dividends ranging from 8 to 12 per cent.

Stockholders of the Fairmont State bank received the following dividends for the year: Samuel D. Brady, Robert T. Cunningham, James W. Davis, Harry L. Heinzel, and others. The directors announced that they would meet next Tuesday to choose the officers and to otherwise complete their organization.

The bank had a very successful year and notwithstanding the large amount of unemployment the savings accounts have been on the increase since before Christmas. The business has also been on the increase since the first of the year and the number of persons starting Christmas club for this year is larger than ever before.

The stockholders of the Peoples National bank elected the following as directors for the coming year: George E. Amos, Thomas L. Brett, J. M. Brownfield, James D. Charlton, Z. F. Davis, Frank C. Hammond, Harry J. Hartley, Harry J. Heinzelman, Clyde E. (Continued on page three)

No Action On The Wage Scale

Fairmont Builders' Association held a meeting on Tuesday evening at Labor temple on Jackson street when these officers were elected.

President, Thomas Burns; vice president, J. H. Cody; secretary, H. B. McGraw; recording secretary and treasurer, J. H. Buey; trustees, James Phelps, Charles Meyers, Edward Kuhn; guard, John S. Riser; business agent, J. H. Buey.

There was some discussion of wage scales but there was no action taken. The Builders Exchange will be notified in 60 days before the expiration of contracts what the builders crafts will do with reference to wages.

There were six crafts represented at the meeting last night, six: carpenters, plumbers, electricians, bricklayers and hod carriers.

Bank notes are said to have been used in China nearly 50 years ago.

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Heavy Snow Is Surprise to Fairmont

Doubting Thomases received a great surprise this morning when they awakened and saw the heavy snow fall which came during the night. Although the weather reports predicted snow many thought this absurd, on account of the beautiful warm weather of yesterday.

The snow came silently during the wee small hours of the night, and fastened itself not only to the ground, but to the trees and house-tops of the city, producing an altogether picturesque landscape.

But what is one man's joy is another's sorrow, so while those of the artistic temperament stood idly gazing at the snow fall, those of the more practical and common place souls were busy with brooms and snow shovels.

REVIVAL SESSIONS SHOWING GAINS

Meetings at the Christian Church Doing Great Good

"Enemies of The Cross," will be the subject of the gospel message to be delivered tonight at the Central Christian church. E. L. Crow, singing evangelist, will sing a solo entitled, "He's The One," by Gabriel. A large chorus assists in the song service. There are special features at every service.

Last night's service was attended by a large crowd. A fine interest was manifested throughout the entire meeting. Mr. Crow sang a solo entitled, "It Is Jesus." This solo was sung during the invitation at the close of the service. All the lights were put out except a beautiful electric lighted cross on the platform. The audience was deeply impressed with this feature.

The minister evangelist, J. E. Gordon spoke on "Jesus On The Cross." He said in part: "Every one outside of the church has some big outstanding stone or cloud between him and the cross of Christ. Every Christian also has a cross, heavier than all others to bear and must bear that cross. Every church as well has her cross. Salvation is not free. There is a price to pay for it and that is the reason many are without it. The cross is the very center of the Bible. Upon this was the old covenant nailed. It is the division between the Mosaic and Christian dispensation. We are living in a new dispensation now and when one asks what to do to be saved he should be pointed to the New Testament rather than to the old. The cross is the dispensation that gives salvation to all nations and peoples that will obey. It is not a national affair, but a universal program." Mr. Gordon referred to the seven words spoken by Jesus while he was on the cross and described the scene of the crucifixion.

Parent-Teachers Meet Tomorrow

The Parent-Teachers Association will meet at the high school auditorium tomorrow evening at 7:30 o'clock for the first meeting of the term. The high school orchestra under the leadership of Miss Pauline Kirk will supply the music.

City Superintendent of Schools Otis G. Wilson will talk at the meeting and will outline the entrance requirements for a number of colleges and universities. Mr. Wilson has gathered considerable data concerning this subject which will be of interest to parents who are planning to send their children to higher schools of learning.

Mrs. W. S. Mayers will review a discussion of the Parent-Teachers' Association as outlined in a journal of education.

The first half hour will be devoted to a musical program after which Mr. Wilson and Mrs. Mayers will talk.

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MINERS WILL DISCUSS RELIEF FOR THE NEEDY

Will Ask Miners at Work To Help The Less Fortunate

CONVENTION SATURDAY

President Lewis in Washington—State Operators Meeting

Rations are very low in many miners' homes these days in the Fairmont region according to officials of the United Mine Workers of America today. It was estimated that fully 3000 of the 15,000 miners in sub district, district 17, are in need. According to officials the hardships are not confined to any one town or locality but there are spread in general all over Monongalia, Marion and Harrison counties.

Some of the miners have not had work for almost a solid year. In some instances the men have been tramped from place to place to get work but could not locate any. Matters have become so serious officials claim that when the sub district meets in convention on Saturday morning at 10 o'clock in the Jackson Hotel building that arrangements will have to be made to take care of the less fortunate miners. This will probably take the form of an assessment being levied against the miners who have been working which it is believed will not exceed a dollar a month.

Nick Aiello, sub district president, will preside and it is expected that M. L. Haptonstall, Charleston, acting district president of district 17 will also be in attendance at the meeting. It is believed that probably 6000 miners out of the 15,000 in the sub district have had fairly regular work during the depression. There are expected to be between 150 and 175 delegates present at the convention.

Nick Aiello, president of sub district 4, said today that despite the economic conditions and industrial depression that the miners will not violate their contract, which expires April 1, 1922, and no stampede to the open shop plan will take place. He felt sure also that the miners who have had work would respond in assisting their less fortunate members.

Lewis in Washington

According to reports received here John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, was in Washington, D. C. It was presumed that he was in conference with Secretary of Labor Davis in regard to the needs of unemployed coal miners in this country and discussing some means of securing relief.

Operators' Meeting

Fairmont region coal operators who attended the meeting of the West Virginia State Coal Association in Washington, D. C., on Monday and Tuesday arrived home last night and today. Daniel Howard, Clarksburg, returned home to Clarksburg last night.

Today C. H. Jenkins and G. S. Brackett of Fairmont and J. M. Orr and A. Lisle White of Clarksburg, returned from the meeting. Robert Grant, Boston, president of the New England Fuel and Transportation company was also present at the meeting.

A wide range of questions were discussed including the freight rate, lake demurrage, new West Virginia tax laws, the 81 reduction in freight rate to seaboard and the LaFollette seaman's act. The coal operators realized that the state is in need of funds and favor an equitable application of taxes.

Some Mines Start

This morning forty men went to work at Osage mine of the Brady Coal corporation along Scott's run. The mine resumed operation after a month's shut down. Gilbert Davis ming along Scott's Run it is expected will start work today.

Daily R. R. Fuel

A total of 217 cars of coal were loaded for railroads off the Monongah division, B. and O. R. R. on Tuesday. Of that the B. and O. itself secured 114 cars of coal while the foreign carriers received 103 cars.

Tuesday's Shipments

Coal loading to Curtis Bay took a leap off the Monongah division B. and O. on Tuesday when 100 cars of coal were shipped to Curtis Bay. To the east there were 494 cars of coal loaded while to the west there were 31 cars loaded. (Continued on page eight)

SOMETHING NEW IN POETRY LINE

Also in Fragrant Pastries, Marmalades and Other Little Things

(By Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—Sonnets in marmalades, symphonies in fragile pastries and poetry in home made wines—offerings on the shrine of the epicures of a by-gone age—were offered for sale in a collection of ancient cook books here today. Most of the books were printed long before the American revolution in days when a salad was worthy of profound consideration and all bore testimony that cooks like poets, were born and not made.

Some of the receipts in the books were written by solemn authorities among whom were Sir John Evelyn and Sir Kenell Digby, surmised in that period "the eminently learned." One detailed the "sure way to gaining the respect and love of a servant," while another reached an exalted plane by devoting a long chapter to the whole duty of woman—an inflexible guide to their conduct and behavior through all ages and circumstances of life.

Among the toothsome delights was one for "making a wambait that when you crack you shall find biscuits and carraways in it, or a pretty poetry written."

MINING CLASS AT CLARKSBURG

Exceeds All Others for Regular Attendance Figures

CLARKSBURG, Jan. 11.—Clarksburg and Fairmont via for the best mining extension classes in northern West Virginia. In some respects one leads the other although both measure up very well.

When it comes to numerical strength Fairmont leads with seventy-seven while Clarksburg has forty six regular attendees having been primed off in both classes. However, when it comes to regular attendance Clarksburg has the edge on Fairmont. The Clarksburg class had one of its largest attendance figures last night when thirty-three out of 48 were present. Last Friday the Fairmont class had 45 out of 77 present. Then, too, the Clarksburg showing would even be better if sickleas, men called out of town and quarantined effective keeping them away from the class.

Fine Meeting Place

Through the courtesy of the Consolidation Coal company a spacious room on the third floor of the terminal building is fitted up into a school room and gas, light and janitor service is provided free of charge. The class organization early in the fall passed the blackboard which they had placed in position. Arrangements are being made by the executive committee to secure additional chairs as it was necessary to hang out the "standing room only" sign early in the evening. Tables and boxes were used as improvised seats for the scholars. The Clarksburg class really has the best quarters, excellent all other classes in general appearance as well as central location being within a stone's throw of all trolley lines.

A Studious Class

Unquestionably the Clarksburg class is a studious class, probably excelling in this regard in the northern part of the state. Its members turn in more home work books than any other of the other five classes in the northern part of the state. It is believed that fully eighty per cent of the members turn in work done out of classes and the class also probably excels in the best passing grades.

No doubt the big feature of each man turning in home work is the fact that he makes an effort to get the work for himself. Where questions are wrong they are so indicated, when the books are returned giving the owner an opportunity to study his faulty work. Being aware of what he does not know perfectly he can set to improve similar work for the future and train for state examinations if that be his desire.

From the getway the class got the right twist of cooperation and bought their work books collectively and started to go right after the work. Already the class has done considerable gas testing. It bought a tank of acetylene gas and started the gas testing. At least one entire night was devoted to gas testing.

State Men "Live Wire"

Appreciating the great opportunity afforded the young mining men compared to the meagre advancement he has when a lad, Evan L. Griffiths, Clarksburg, the popular (Continued on page eight)

MCKINNEY IN TALK BEFORE K'S AT NOON

Declares Showalter Plan Should be Adopted as Working Basis

ALL MUST YIELD

Must Work Together to Preserve Prestige of This Community

Judge E. M. Showalter's charge to the jury as printed in The West Virginian last night ought to be accepted as a working agreement for Fairmont, declared Hon. O. S. McKinney, in a short address to the Kiwanians at their weekly lunch today. "Let all begin to yield," he said, "and then we can go to labor with a strong arm and procure those reductions in the price of labor that will make this city and community a veritable hive of industry again." He emphasized the importance of the situation, and declared that Fairmont stood in imminent danger of losing her prestige in the state unless she read aright the signs of the times, and placed herself in harmony with the adjustments that must come about. As he viewed the situation, no man nor no class of men was responsible for the halt in our progress, but that it was chargeable to the laborer, the mechanic, the farmer, the merchant, and they all must unite in the solution.

For years, he said, Fairmont has been able to send her coal to the world's markets in competition with other mining fields, but that now she is beaten in competition, and the goal will be she has created, and the prestige she has won are about to be lost. Unless conditions are changed speedily, we will find that we have spent years to create a market for our product, and in a night it is gone. He closed with an appeal to the club to cooperate with other civic organizations in an effort to solve the hardest problem the community has faced.

W. C. Bradford, who represents the Community Service of New York, was a guest of the club, and led the club in one of the new Kiwanian songs and after explaining his mission here delighted the club with two excellent vocal numbers. Howard Atch of Mannington, was also a guest of the club and gave a short talk that was full of appreciation of the things that Kiwanis are accomplishing. A number of other visitors were introduced to the club.

Geo. H. Brobst read a letter to the club from W. S. Hallanan, concerning the innovations in tax valuation matters and set the club right on some lines. He urged the meeting of neighborhood groups for a free discussion of valuation for taxation, and a general education of both assessors and the public. He stated that through the Kiwanis club of Mannington such a step had already been taken, and that about eighteen of the business men of that city had met and had conferences on the proposed change.

W. T. Black introduced Mr. Ryemer, a milk expert of twenty-two years who has charge of the developments of the Robinson company which is selling pasteurized milk.

M. C. Lough, of the good roads committee reported that he had ascertained definitely that \$232,000 had been spent by the United States Bureau of Good Roads in West Virginia, and that \$200,000 might be available if needed. The committee was instructed to follow up its endeavor, and secure all the government aid possible.

After calling a meeting of the committee on public affairs, the membership committee and the board of directors, the club adjourned.

GOOD MEETINGS

Evangelistic meetings at St. John's church, Bessettsville are progressing nicely, and there have been a large number of conversions. Rev. R. L. Maness, pastor of the church, and Evangelist L. P. Kirk of St. Albans, W. Va., are conducting the meetings. Rev. Maness preached last night, and five young men were converted. Rev. Kirk will preach tonight. The meetings have been going on 12 days, and will continue all this week.

AT BETHEL

Rev. A. H. Beasley, the newly appointed pastor to the Farmington circuit, will preach at the Bethel church, Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, and at the Gilboa church at 2:30 Sunday afternoon.

Storm Shuts Off the A.P. Local Wire

Owing to the severe snow storm in this part of the state today which crippled the wire service to all points out of Fairmont shortly after nine o'clock this morning, The West Virginian this evening appears with but a very scant report from The Associated Press. The wire was down completely after about 9:30. It is hoped that full service can be restored by tomorrow.

BLUMBERG CO. HAS NEW STORE

Another Link in Chain Added; Have Charleston Location

Announcement is made that Blumberg Bros. Co., of Baltimore, has added another link to their growing chain of retail department stores throughout West Virginia, having bought the stock and good will of P. Wells department store in Charleston, W. Va. This makes the third store in the state, others being the Hub Department Store in Weston and the local institution, Fairmont Underselling Store which is now starting its fifteenth year in the community.

According to the statements of M. M. Blumberg who has been actively in charge of the local store the past twelve months, the new addition at Charleston will be conducted as a high class popular prices department store, carrying lines of merchandise similar to the Blumberg store in Fairmont. It occupies a modern four floor building, with balcony above the first landing and with a large basement suitable for merchandising needs, in the best retail district of Charleston. The exact location is 230 Capitol street, only a few rods from the Kanawha hotel and in the same square with other leading stores of the city. The merchandising space is 15,000 square feet.

M. M. Blumberg went to Charleston Tuesday to superintend the stock-taking and reopening of the store under the proprietorship of Blumberg Bros. Co. Mr. Blumberg will be the general retail manager, in the future spending a portion of his time every two weeks at each of the three West Virginia stores.

The Charleston resident manager or will be M. Weintraub who has been in the Fairmont store the past year. Mr. Weintraub has already moved his family to Charleston and will make that city his permanent home. Simon Goodman will continue as manager of the Fairmont Underselling Store.

The firm of Blumberg Bros. Co. is also negotiating at this time for other retail stores which it is believed will be added to their chain in the near future. This large scale method of merchandising is planned to enable the organization to continue its policy of buying for less and selling for less.

Gives Reasons For Slack Business

In discussing the causes of the present depression in industrial and business life, Secretary of Agriculture Wallace says that the greatest single factor behind the condition is the lack of buying power by the American farmer.

According to Secretary Wallace, the farmer of today is receiving less for his general products than he did in 1913 and 1914, but on the other hand is paying 150 per cent more for the things he has to buy. The dollar today is worth in purchasing power to the farmer just 33 cents, compared to the dollar he received in 1913. Consequently, he must spend \$2.50 to get the same he got for \$1.00 before the war.

And he has no more dollars with which to buy than he had before the war.

Approximately 40 per cent of our population lives in the rural districts, and when the purchasing power of this 40 per cent—more than 40,000,000 people—is reduced, it must necessarily reflect upon the remainder of the country with disastrous effect.

The very fact that this condition plays such an important part in the paralyzing of our business and industries is proof that we are sadly lacking in understanding of economic laws or our adjustment to them.

It is sure that with the value of his dollar cut half in two, the farmer must practice the most rigid economy. And we must remember that the farmer is a consumer as well as a producer. He must wear (Continued on page eight)

TELEPHONE COMPANY HARDEST HIT; EVERY OUTSIDE LINE DOWN

Big River Crossing Break Down; Poles and Wires Fall Into River; Service Shattered

Following without practically any warning in the wake of the almost spring-like west of the last week or 10 days, the heaviest storm of the winter season hit Fairmont early today and caused much trouble and annoyance to many.

The storm was not local in character and the reports from points over the county and other communities in this section of the state gave evidence that the sudden fall of wet, heavy snow had caused much trouble.

The telephone and telegraph companies were probably the worst sufferers, and damage in the amount of many thousands of dollars was reported from the local office of the Chesapeake and Potomac Company this morning.

ONE TRACTION LINE BLOCKED

Clarksburg Cars Not Running Due to Dispatchers Lines Being Down

Traffic between Clarksburg and this city over the interurban line of the Monongahela Valley Power and Railway Company is at a standstill this afternoon on account of the heavy fall of snow which put the telephone system of the company out of order at 10 o'clock this morning.

The cars could operate if the dispatchers could get a line through to Clarksburg in order to keep in touch with the cars and avoid smash ups along the line. The last car came in from Clarksburg at 10 o'clock and was sent to the barn as operating officials were afraid to try and send the car out without any wire communication between the different division points.

The Fairmont dispatcher runs the cars from the terminal in this city to Edgemont where the Clarksburg dispatcher takes them and runs them from that point to Clarksburg. The line between this city and Edgemont is open but in as much as the Edgemont car takes care of the traffic to that point it was not necessary to operate the interurban cars to that point as it was advisable to try (Continued on page eight)

Help Clarksburg To Get Chapter

On Tuesday evening several members of the local chapter, American Association of Engineers, went to Clarksburg to assist those members of the local chapter, who reside in Clarksburg, to form a chapter in that city. This meeting, which was held in the county court room, was attended by about forty engineers of Clarksburg and vicinity. There were several short addresses delivered by prominent engineers of Clarksburg, while F. A. H. Kelley, of the local chapter, explained the methods of the chapter organization. With the present members more than enough applications were received to meet the requirements of National headquarters, and a chapter at Clarksburg is assured. S. H. Bradley was elected temporary chairman and T. R. Norris, secretary, until the chapter is granted a charter.

The growth of this engineer's association in this part of the state has been rapid and at the present time the territory covered by the local chapter has become so large that it was deemed advisable, in order to insure greater efficiency, to divide this territory and form a chapter at Clarksburg. The local chapter was formed about two years ago.

There are more than two hundred and fifty chapters and clubs of this engineer's association throughout the United States, comprising a total membership of more than 21,000, with thirty-six student chapters of recognized engineering colleges, with a student membership of more than 5,000.

Those members of the local chapter who attended the Clarksburg meeting are B. H. Palmer, president; F. A. H. Kelley, Chas. C. Holtzworth, F. J. Sandberg, C. P. Norris and H. B. Plowman.

East Side Class Well Attended

An interesting program has been arranged by the president of the East Fairmont Bible class for the meeting to be held at 7:30 tomorrow night, in the Community Building, near the East Park school.

The program includes the giving of the lesson by Rev. C. F. Eddy, teacher of the class. The subject is next Sunday's Sunday school lesson. The young people will have a contest for bible verses, and singing. Three pictures will be shown and a number of visitors will be present.

The average attendance of the class for the last two months was 165.